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Nicoletta Di Forte
Deputy Director for Enforcement
Emergency and Remedial Response Division United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region II
290 Broadway
New York, New York 10007-1866

Re:

The Diamond Alkali Superfund Site

Lower 8.3 Miles of Lower Passaic River Study Area

Essex and Hudson Counties, New Jersey

Notice of Potential Liability Under 41 USC §9607(a)

Dear Ms. Di Forte:

This office represents Harrison Supply Company ("Harrison Supply") identified in your letter of March 31, 2016, regarding USEPA's Notice of Potential Liability Under 42 U.S.C. §9607(a) for the Diamond Alkali Superfund Site, lower 8.3 miles of the Lower Passaic River. Your letter, in part, addresses USEPA 's belief that some parties identified as PRPs under CERCLA may be eligible for a cash-out settlement with USEPA for the lower 8.3 miles of the Lower Passaic River. In that regard, you advised of USEPA 's intent to provide separate notice of the opportunity to discuss a cash-out settlement at a later date.

The purpose of this letter is to request that Harrison Supply be included in those discussions. Without admission of liability under CERCLA, Harrison Supply believes it is eligible for *de minimis* treatment and is willing to participate in good faith in whatever process USEPA requires to establish its entitlement to a cash-out. Further, please note that the USEPA previously performed and an Ability-To-Pay ("ATP") analysis of Harrison Supply. The EPA concluded that Harrison Supply qualified as an ATP candidate. Since that time, Harrison Supply has ceased business operations. Further, Harrison Supply's insurers have not agreed to provide indemnification to it for the claims asserted in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Timothy E. Corristor